



## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### **Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments**

*Summary.* In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is forwarding an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to the RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number of the ICR. For proper consideration of your comments, it is best if the RRB and OIRA receive them within 30 days of the publication date.

Under section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), an annuity is not payable for any month in which a beneficiary works for a railroad. In addition, an annuity is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for an employer other than a railroad employer and earns more than a prescribed amount. Under the 1988 amendments to the RRA, the Tier II portion of the regular annuity and any supplemental annuity must be reduced by one dollar for each two dollars of Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment (LPE) earnings for each month of such service. However, the reduction cannot exceed fifty percent of the Tier II and supplemental annuity amount for the month to which such deductions apply. The LPE generally

refers to an annuitant's last employment with a non-railroad person, company, or institution prior to retirement, which was performed either at the same time as railroad employment, or after an annuitant stopped railroad employment. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the RRB to determine if possible reductions in annuities are in order due to LPE.

The RRB utilizes Form G-19L, *Annual Earnings Questionnaire for Annuitants in Last Pre-Retirement Non-Railroad Employment*, to obtain LPE earnings information from annuitants. One response is requested of each respondent. Completion is required to retain a benefit.

*Previous Requests for Comments:* The RRB has already published the initial 60-day notice (76 FR 71087 on November 16, 2011) required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2). That request elicited no comments.

#### **Information Collection Request (ICR)**

Title: Annual Earnings Questionnaire for Annuitants in Last Pre-Retirement  
Non-Railroad Employment

OMB Control Number: 3220-0179

Form(s) submitted: G-19L

Type of request: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

Affected public: Individuals or Households

Abstract: Under Section 2(e)(3) of the Railroad Retirement Act, an annuity is not payable or is reduced for any month in which the beneficiary works for a railroad or earns more than the prescribed amounts. The collection obtains earnings information needed by the Railroad Retirement Board to determine possible reductions in annuities because of earnings.

Changes proposed: The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-19L.

The burden estimate for the ICR is as follows:

Estimated Completion Time for Form G-19L: 15 minutes

Estimated annual number of respondents: 300

Total annual responses: 300

Total annual reporting hours: 75

*Additional Information or Comments:* Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Charles Mierzwa at (312) 751-3363 or [Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV).

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